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SB 723

Representative Noonan ---- Amendments

Representative Essmann ---- SB423

Rep. Smith ----- Amendments

While boasting many benefits... SB423 by itself does nothing for the state of Montana or its citizens. It aims to lower the number of legal cardholders... and it would in fact do that, it's logical to assume however that those who were abusing the system will have no difficulty obtaining marijuana from a black market source and would in fact lead to an increase in the illegal drug market... harming only the law abiding citizen... It aims to make safer communities and safer schools but how will it do that? Drug abuse by teens is not a recent trend and marijuana was abused by teens long before medical marijuana laws were being enacted... so it's not fixing nothing in that sense... others might say "what about the message were sending to our children"... which might be a fair argument except there's not a person in this room that supports the use of meth yet it's in our communities and its infiltrated our schools... Perhaps the only message we would be sending to our children is that it's okay to persecute the many for the abuses of the few. Representative Smiths' amendments would have a judge and jury be the deciding factor in if someone is a medical patient... rather than a doctor... as fun as it might be for some to entertain this idea it borders on absurd... perhaps a judge and jury should decide if someone is a "real" patient whenever someone is prescribed Vicodin, Oxycontin or a host of other abused medications... or perhaps we should leave it entrusted to our medical professionals to do their jobs. Representative Noonans amendments are a logical and fair approach to the problems faced and I urge you to consider his amendments carefully. I would like to finish by thanking the representatives who have been supportive of the tens of thousands of Montanans affected by medical marijuana. Thank you!